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ANARCHY THREATENS.

So Says Gen. Ben Butterworth, in a Recent Speech at Philadelphia.



SENSATIONALISM cannot be said to be Gen. Ben Butterworth's forte, and we doubt if he thought to be sensational when he, in a memorial speech at Laurel Hill, Philadelphia on May 30th, stated that "anarchy threatens the country," and "the republic is in greater danger than it was when the civil war broke out."

"These exercises are not for the dead," he said. "They are for the living. We best honor the soldier dead by an incorruptible purpose to keep the republic they gave their lives to save. It has been truly said that no battlefield of the world showed more gallant daring, more heroic devotion, than our own. All this, however, relates to a generation ago. The dead we mourn are off duty forever. They have kept their watch. Today it is with the living, and not with the dead, we have to do. Is our conduct worthy of the dead and the country for which they died?"

"The course of all republics has been towards the rocks. Our own is the same and for the same reason. The theory of our government is that men will persevere that which they prize most high, but they do not. It is said that the people love liberty and home above all else, and that it would be absurd to say that they would destroy that which makes life worth living. Theoretically, that is so. Practically it is not."

"Love of freedom and home is not the outgrowth of reason or intelligence as is obvious from the fact that the wolf will fight to the death for either or both. The wolf doesn't reason much about it, and knows little about republican ideas or philosophy. So love of freedom is an instinct. Wolves don't have any organized society. No wolf gives any part of his freedom to uphold some artificial arrangement, some social compact. But in a government which is organized for the protection of society and the members thereof we do surrender a part of our national rights to promote the welfare of the whole country."

"And there is the rub. In that social compact we have to surrender a certain natural right and observe certain rules in order to promote the good of all and protect the rights of the individual members. These rules are supposed to be founded in justice and morality. And this is a nation which in theory is true, that men want justice and morality. To obtain that is our hope. In that is our strength, and in the departure from the principles of morality we will find, and in fact, are finding our ruin. In actual practice, every man wants every other man to be good and true, while to himself he wants some latitude along the moral line and a certain free and easy relation with truth and honesty."

"In politics, he knows that it is of the first importance to be honest and truthful. In practice he doesn't think it will win. And as a temporary advantage is of greater account to him than the permanent good of the multitude, he lies and corrupts everything and everybody to the extent necessary in order to win. And this is taking our country to the devil faster than 10 armies led by Lee and Longstreet could possibly do."

"I propose to talk plain English, and if anything else was expected I am not the man you wanted for this occasion."

"Let me ask again, upon what hope did our fathers build? Love of liberty, supported by intelligence and virtue among the people. They established a system of universal education in order that our people might become intelligent."

"We must not forget the precise relation each citizen bears to the government, that he is a part of it. It is strong in his intelligence and honesty. It is weak in his ignorance and dishonesty. The citizen writes the law from his heartstone."

"Philosophers and statesmen of the old world who know and understand the prejudices and passions of men, who are familiar with the history of every attempt of the people to govern themselves, have no confidence whatever in the effort of this people to govern themselves. They said the

world would witness just what we do, in fact witness today—THAT WEALTH WOULD CORRUPT AND DEMAGOGUES MISLEAD THE PEOPLE, and the end would be that revolution and anarchy will succeed the republic, and finally the terrified and terrorized people will seek safety under the protection of a man on horseback."

"Are there present with us conditions which warrant the belief that what has been predicted of our republic would come true, and shall we refuse to call attention to the facts lest we may offend these who are delinquent, whose infamies are far-reaching for evil and who may condemn us?"

"What relation does the citizen sustain to the government? Let this relation be freely understood. Remember the law that governs the moral world is as certain and as invisible as the law of gravitation. Like causes produce like effects in both the moral and physical worlds. And those who offend must pay the penalty not more certainly in the physical than in the moral world."

"The republic is in more danger today than when Fort Sumter was fired upon. There are influences that are making for ill. We have plenty of education, but education, unless leavened with morality simply fits the man to be an expert scoundrel. Our country is in danger because corruption in our politics is as common as luncheon at noon."

"In almost every municipal and state legislature there is an organized banditti that demands tribute and sells legislation. We know this to be so. We do not guess it. We all know it."

"The influences are ripe and ripening to destroy our government unless we turn aside from the way we have been going and adhere to PRINCIPLES rather than to PARTY. There are too many men who would scorn dishonesty in private affairs who encourage it in politics. Half the world is going to the devil because no one will shout out loud. The time has come if the republic is to be preserved, when we will have to rebuke men out loud."

"Men sneer at morality in politics, but God knows there is hardly enough left of it in politics of this country to sneer at."

"Many sigh and pray for PROSPERITY and many work themselves up into a belief that prosperity is speedily coming to bless all our homes. But my countrymen do not be misled, but think and reason and judge for yourselves. And so thinking and judging don't you see that before we can bring prosperity back to remain we must remove the cause that drove and keeps it in exile?"

"Do not forget that the humblest man whose fingers drop a ballot helps to guide the pen that writes the law that makes right or promotes the wrong. If liberty fails, if the wrong prevail, we the people are to blame, for we write the law."

"What hope have I for the future? Much hope, but no confident expectation, because I find so many men who for party advantage trample principle under foot. There are so many who have grown discouraged and have quit trying to make our politics purer and better. I find so many who are willing to buy legislation as they buy corn and wheat."

"I prefer tyranny to anarchy first, and tyranny to escape anarchy. There can be no true liberty without law, any more than there can be order in chaos, or health saturated with disease. I have confidence in my countrymen. I have less confidence in some who appreciate the opportunity our free institutions secure but fail utterly to appreciate the responsibility that freedom imposes. But I know I stand in the presence of."

Hear that are constant and pure,
Hear that are loyal and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

We notice that the Larned "Air Faners" have finally succeeded in winning a game of ball. This being an almost unheard of occurrence the citizens of the hamlet are highly elated and are TALKING of playing any club in this section of the state. In a spirit of friendly feeling we wish to remind the Larned fans that the score was 24 to 12 in favor of the Great Bend Kids when two years ago our second nine PRACTISED with the Larned men. The Larned Eagle-Optic in speaking of a dance given by the base ball club of that city, at which the profits were 75 cents, says that it was a glittering,

stupendous and satisfactory success. Had the proceeds of this dance been a whole dollar the English language would have been too tame to do it proper justice, and the society editor of the Optic would have been compelled to bring forth the Missouri French which we understand is held in reserve."

Judge Foster's Endorsement.

After Governor Leedy's speech, in which he scored the political hypocrites who are attempting to belittle the present governor for purely political purposes, Judge C. G. Foster of the U. S. court wrote Governor Leedy as follows:

"It is some satisfaction to know that you are to be governor during the time for which the people elected you, although I did not vote for you—and the attempt to bulldoze the chief executive of the state by a handful of prohibitionists has been properly rebuked."

"The fact is, you have appointed three good, competent men as police commissioners for Topeka. They have reduced expenses and enforced the laws with reasonable diligence."

"The police force has some other duties to perform besides hunting for beer and whiskey, and I suppose that the governor of the state can find more important public duties than hunting for joints."

"If your bold stand results, which I believe it will, in forcing this question before the people and having it settled once for all, you will have rendered the state and the cause of true temperance a service that will not be forgotten."

Fell Sixty Feet.

Charlie Morrison hands us the following clipping from a Colorado Springs paper concerning the accident to his brother, Port:

Mr. Port Morrison, a resident of West Colorado Springs, was the victim of a very painful accident near Colorado City yesterday afternoon, and his escape from death was almost miraculous.

Mr. Morrison was inspecting a seam of fire clay near the top of a soft cliff just beyond the reduction works in Colorado City yesterday afternoon, when the ground on which he was standing suddenly gave way and he was precipitated to the level a distance 60 feet below.

The fall was a hard one and when picked up by some of his friends Mr. Morrison was unconscious. He was taken to his residence on Fifth street, where Dr. L. O. Maffet attended him and found his injuries very painful, though not necessarily fatal. The collar bone was fractured and two ugly gashes appeared on his face which necessitated several stitches.

Dr. Maffet thinks his patient will be out again in a few days.

Barton County Normal.

The county normal institute will open Monday, July 5th, at the central school buildings, Great Bend, and continue four weeks. Prof. E. D. Webb, of the C. N. C. will be conductor. Prof. N. F. Damm and Prof. Ed T. Barber instructors. Mrs. Anna Parker special instructor in primary work, and Prof. E. K. Pentz special instructor in penmanship. The regular membership fee of \$1.00 will be charged all who attend, and the county superintendent will cheerfully give information concerning board, rooms etc. School officers and all patrons of the schools are cordially invited to visit the normal.

Base Ball Philosophy.

A base ball philosopher is the author of the following proverbs:

He who hesitates is out.
Strike while the pitcher is hot.
A closed glove catches no flies.
Good pitching in time saves nine.
Where there's a hit there's a way.
A fool and his base are soon parted.
It's a short game that has no kicking.

The race is not always to the base runner.

If at first you don't succeed, try the outfield.—Larned Optic.

The Neodesha Derrick has the following suggestions to make to people who sometimes tell other people how to run their business: "When you ask the editor to suppress an item of news because it does not please you, then go to your grocer and ask him to quit handling pickles or prunes because you don't like them, or to your butcher and ask him to exclude bologna and head cheese because they don't agree with your stomach. The grocer and butcher will fall all over each other to concede your wishes, wouldn't they? Echo answers, Nit. News is an editor's stock in trade; what you don't like may be 'hot stuff' for others and what they pay for and have reason to expect from a newspaper. So are pickles, prunes, wieners and sausage the stock in trade of the grocer and butcher."

Some one left a purse containing change and other articles, at the stamp window at the P. O. last Saturday. Call and identify same.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Allen's silver anniversary was a popular affair.

Gus Fenn and wife, of Heizer, were in town Friday last.

C. L. Zutavern and wife visited in Larned over Sunday.

The barefooted boy is now the rule and not the exception.

Johnathan Brinson was down from Union township Saturday.

It is really too bad—the rain is liable to rust the header boxes.

Miss Emma Mendenhall returned from her visit to Clifton last week.

J. D. Weiner, of Hutchinson, spent Sunday with C. Samuels in this city.

Miss Julia Wesley is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Stevens, at Nickerson.

Notice what R. A. Charles has to say in his ad., and then profit by his suggestions.

Would not like to live in Iowa now. A man froze to death in that state on the last day of May.

The boys have been gigging fish with pitchforks, in the pools of the Arkansas river the past week.

Manager Wm. Schwier, of the Heizer Creamery Co., was doing business in the county seat Friday.

Farmer Roy Putnam says he sledged 50 acres of corn in two days last week, with a three row machine.

Charlie Harn, who has been buying wheat in Ellinwood, will make his home in Great Bend until after harvest.

Miss Minnie Maher, of Kansas City, Kansas, is here on a visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Stroble.

Hon. Tom Moseley, a prominent attorney of St. John, was in the city the first of the week attending court.

W. W. Payne, pharmacist with C. Lundblade, is taking a week off duty and visiting friends in the east part of the state.

The young man or young woman who shows disrespect to the aged is sadly lacking in gentlemanly or ladylike training.

Geo. Moses took a trip out through the county last week, to size up the wheat outlook, and found it beyond his expectation.

A north side man whose two-year-old baby is just learning to talk says the first thing that the boy said was: "Hurrah for Leedy!"

School in district 30 closed on Wednesday of last week with appropriate exercises and an ice cream supper—also very appropriate.

WANTED—Wolf skins, tanned or cured; will pay the highest market price—cash.

C. L. ZUTAVERN, Great Bend.

Tom Shaughnessy, one of the DEMOCRAT force, visited friends at Strong City a couple of days last week, returning Monday morning.

The Santa Fe road will follow the example set by A. S. Allen, the oldest druggist in Great Bend, and celebrate its quarter-centennial.

The Great Bend Glee Club attended the picnic at Dalziel's grove Wednesday and won many comments of praise for their excellent singing.

Sunday fishing parties are now the go. While not all the society young folks go, Mr. Bud Weiser and Miss Ann Heizer are generally of the party.

The McCray band got out on the street last Saturday afternoon and serenaded A. S. Allen and the crowds gathered at his anniversary celebration.

Jim Clayton came up from Topeka last Friday, to visit three or four days with his folks in this city. Jim says Topeka is having a healthy growth this summer.

Charley Brooker, who has been looking after business here for the past month, left for Cleo, Ok., Monday to look after the wife and babies and other crops.

Saturday's rain seems to have been a general one. It started quietly during the afternoon, and with the wind in the south-east poured down gently for hours.

Blacksmiths are now busy getting harvesting machinery repaired and ready for the wheat. "Any old thing" in the way of header or binder will be pressed into use this year.

Col. W. P. Feder is justly proud of, and highly appreciates the honor conferred upon him by the Sons of Veterans of Pawnee Rock, who have named their camp "W. P. Feder Camp No. 1."

Prof. E. B. Smith is conducting the Stafford county normal. For half the term the institute will be held at Stafford and the other half at St. John.

Word reaches here that D. R. Jones, who was pardoned out of the penitentiary by Gov. Morrill to go home to die, is now at Galveston, Texas, hustling for a livelihood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. P. J. Bartle desire to express their sincere thanks to the kind neighbors and friends for assistance rendered during the illness of Mrs. Bartle and the death of their little one.

The "Mother Goose" picnic on the lawn of the Congregational church last Friday evening was well attended, and a financial success, although the evening was rather "raw" to be good ice cream weather.

Mrs. Dr. T. F. Blanke is making a flying visit to friends in the east. She visits a sister at Emporia, her parents at Bay, Mo., and relatives and friends at Herman and St. Louis, Mo., in Burlington, Iowa, and Alton Ills.

A populist delegate convention, to elect 17 delegates to the judicial convention at Ellinwood, will be held in Great Bend on Saturday June 12. Each township has the same representation as in the last county convention.

Mrs. J. W. Tullis, of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., has been in the city the past week, on a visit with Mrs. Ellen Lowrey and daughter. Mrs. Tullis formerly lived in Great Bend, her husband being in the drug business on South Main street.

J. S. Winget, of Albert, left on Friday evening over the Santa Fe for a trip in the east. He will visit the old home in Iowa and then go on to New York. He goes to look after some property interests, and will probably be gone a couple of weeks.

W. B. Atkinson came in from his Oklahoma farm last Friday, to remain until after harvest. Will left the family on the ranch to look after the live stock. He says all crops are good down there, and spring crops are at least a month ahead of Barton county.

Only 117 more live local items in the DEMOCRAT last week than in the Beacon of the same week, DEMOCRAT 324 Beacon 207. And still Bro. know-it-all wonders why an appreciative populace does not rush in and pay for his plate matter and patent medicine ads.

Rev. A. P. Heimann, of Odin, was in the city Saturday and favored the DEMOCRAT with a call. Father Heimann's work in that part of the county has been very satisfactory to himself and his charge, and he rejoices that his friends are in a fair way to reap an abundant harvest this year.

"Uncle Dick" last week lectured some boys who were playing ball near the Fair block, because they were, as he said, "making too much noise." If "Uncle Dick" will come down in the third ward any night after dark he will find a lot of measly cubs who keep the whole neighborhood awake with their incessant barking. A shot-gun lecture would be about the proper capper for them.

Down at Parsons a tall girl named Short long loved a certain Mr. Little, while Little, little thinking of Short, loved a lass named Long. To make a long story short, Little proposed to Long, and Short longed to be even with Little's shortcomings. So Short meeting Long threatened to marry Little before long, which caused Little in a short time to marry Long. Did tall Short love big Little less because Little loved Long?—Mail and Breeze

August Weide, one of the most prosperous farmers south of Ellinwood, was a caller on the DEMOCRAT last Saturday. Mr. Weide greatly appreciates the friends, about 75 in number, who helped him celebrate his 52d birthday anniversary on May 23d. He has an excellent farm down in the north edge of Stafford county, which he has acquired and built up in the last ten years. He is an old soldier, and a strong and uncompromising free silver man.

Saturday the case of Maude Kelley, of Beaver township, who was recently sentenced to the reform school in the probate court, on complaint of her father, was reopened and the case against the girl dismissed. M. Toadvine being appointed as her guardian. It seems that the girl is not bad at all, and when the neighbors learned of her being sentenced to the reform school they came down with a vigorous protest that caused the reversal of the action before taken. Inability to get along satisfactorily with a step-mother seems to have been the principal trouble.

Bob Brown! Where did you get that hat?

D. Grazier of McCracken, was a caller Monday.

Fred Trauer, of the west side, was in town Tuesday.

James Clayton returned to Topeka Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. C. Lafferty is visiting relatives at Trenton, Mo.

Miss Lizzie Sell is spending this week in Hutchinson.

Mrs. G. L. Chapman is visiting relatives in Kansas City.

J. McCay took a trip to Texas to buy cattle this week.

Mrs. Geo. Gredoe, Sr., spent last week in Shafter, Kansas.

Frank Millard was down from the north side last Thursday.

Little Hattie Meacham has been quite sick for the last week.

C. J. French, of Pawnee Rock township, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Nelson Nickerson is reported somewhat improved in health.

Phil Markey is up from Wichita to look after his wheat harvest.

Mrs. Wm. Mitchell left Monday to visit a daughter at Medicine Lodge.

John H. Bement, of Clarence, was doing business in town last Thursday.

Miss Grey commenced her physical culture school Tuesday forenoon of this week.

Professor E. T. Barber left Saturday to conduct a normal institute at Scott City.

Lots of strangers are coming into the county now a-days, to help in the wheat harvest.

Miss Lillian Cornell will leave here to-night, (Thursday) to visit her old home in Illinois.

Sam Gwinn was in town Monday, after being laid up with sickness for a couple of weeks.

John Chinaman, the first to visit our town for many years, was seen on the streets Tuesday.

John Hoster and wife, of near Galatia, were in town last Wednesday, and made this office a call.

Another good rain soaked the country Monday evening. June is doing pretty well thus far.

It is a chilly day when some farmer does not bring in samples of his wheat of which he is justly proud.

Misses Bina Dighton and Mattie Fruit commenced a summer school in Hoisington Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. C. F. Willner and daughter, Clara, are here from Kansas City, Kansas, visiting with Geo. Brinkman's.

Joe Shaffer and family returned the first of the week from their visit north-west. Joe is still laid up with a sore hand.

County Superintendent Harrison has inaugurated an innovation in the court house. He has had his office carpeted.

The Mandolin club gave A. S. Allen a serenade last Saturday evening, as an appropriate closing of his quarter-century celebration.

Will Osmond and wife went to Denver last Saturday. Mrs. Osmond will remain some time in the hopes of benefiting her health.

John Porter, of near Olmitz, was a caller on the DEMOCRAT last Thursday. He said wheat needs a little more rain to make it fill out well.

Rev. L. L. Smith, who is now located at El Reno, Ok., came up last week to visit his many friends here and attend the college commencement.

The Santa Fe has its steam pile driver at work putting down piles to build the trestle work across the irrigation canal where it crosses the roadway.

Every day'll be Sunday by and by, when the farmers' gin to make the headers fly, then the merchants can take stock, and the politicians talk, and the printer straighten up his mess of pie.

Sig Jacoby, Albert's general merchant, was in the city last Friday and left his order at this office for a supply of stationery. Mr. Jacoby says wheat around Albert looks much better than in the vicinity of Great Bend.

Some complaint is being made by the farmers that the crossings on public highways that cross the ditch are not left in a passable condition. There should be no occasion for this complaint; the ditch people and the farmers should be on good terms, as their interests will be mutual.